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Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1972.

Population

The Registrar General's Estimate of the mid-year Home Population was 4,570 which was an increase of 200 over that of the previous year.

Live Births and Birth Rate

The number of live births was 51 (20M. 31F.) which was a decrease of 25 from that of the previous year, and the crude birth rate was accordingly 11.2 after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor which is computed from a population standardized for age and sex distribution, the rate becomes 12.7 and was lower than that of 14.8 for England and Wales.

Stillbirths and Rate

There were no stillbirths registered during year. The stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths was accordingly nil compared with 12.0 for England and Wales.

Infantile Deaths

There were no infant deaths registered during the year. The infantile mortality rate was accordingly nil compared with 17.0 for England and Wales.

Maternal Deaths and Mortality Rate

This rate was also nil as there were no maternal deaths which is a reflection of the high standard of modern obstetric practice.

Total Deaths and Death Rate

The total number of deaths from all causes was 51 (33M. 18F.) and the crude death rate was accordingly 11.2 which, after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor, as for births, becomes 13.1 compared with that of 12.1 for England and Wales.

The chief group cause of deaths was those from natural causes amongst the aged, namely Heart and Circulatory Diseases and Vascular lesions of the Nervous System; of those there were 21.

Ischaemic Heart Disease (i.e. Coronary Thrombosis and Coronary Atheroma) was the cause of 13 of those deaths. These deaths were in the following age-groups:- 4 between 55 - 64; 7 between 65 - 74 and 2 over 75 years. The causation is still obscure, but the disease is a common cause of death in middle and old age.

Coronary Atheroma of the Heart is also not an uncommon cause of death, often unsuspected in life, as revealed by post-mortem examinations.

Cancer, as invariably in previous years, was the second highest cause of deaths - 10 in the following age-groups:- 2 between 55 - 64; 4 between 65 - 74 and 4 over 75 years.

Cancer of the Lung was the cause of 1M death in the 75+ age-group.

Cancer causes a relentless toll of human lives all over the world and is invariably the second highest cause of deaths of which heart and arterial diseases are the chief cause; the majority of the latter cases are due to old age and Coronary Thrombosis. However, many deaths from Cancer occur in younger age-groups, usually over the age of 40 years. The majority are in all probability due to delay by patients in seeking medical advice, having regard also to the fact that the onset of the disease is insidious or latent.

It is an old adage that 'prevention is better than cure', and there is sufficient modern knowledge about the causes of some forms of Cancer to enable their prevention.

Modern surgery and X-rays and other radiations used, singly or in combination, have transformed the treatment of this group of diseases.

Almost all skin Cancers and over 80% of Cancers of the Cervix of the Uterus can be cured if they are treated early.

The other causes of death were miscellaneous and there was no unusual mortality. There were no deaths from Infectious Disease.

Infectious Diseases

The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified:-

Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Infective Jaundice	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Meningitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

Measles

There were 24 cases of Measles notified during the year compared with 129 during the previous year. Measles is still endemic and prevalent although vaccination is an inhibiting factor in the prevention of larger outbreaks; the serious complications of former years are now relatively infrequent and when they do occur are usually treated successfully by specific anti-biotics.

Food Poisoning

Only one sporadic case (1M.) 29 yrs. of age was notified during the year. This fact is an excellent tribute to the invaluable routine preventive work carried through by the Public Health Inspectorate.

Infective Jaundice

Only one case was notified compared with two in the previous year. Outbreaks are rare due chiefly to the generally higher standards of hygiene to-day.

Whooping Cough

Three cases of Whooping Cough were notified during the year compared with one during the previous year.

Meningitis

Only one case was notified. This serious infection was common during the War when a large number of soldiers was billeted in the area, but since then cases have been few and isolated. Occasionally isolated cases of Aseptic or Virus infection occur.

Tuberculosis

There were no new cases of Pulmonary or Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified during the year. New cases amongst youth are uncommon to-day compared with the relatively larger numbers of previous decades and is a reflection of the valuable work of the Tuberculosis and Mass Radiography Services, including B.C.G. vaccination. The pasteurization of milk has been the principal preventive factor.

Influenza

There was no outbreak of this dangerous infection throughout the winter.

A new era in the history of the prevalence of serious Infectious Diseases has been reached, in prevention and treatment. For example, the remarkable advance in this Century of medical science, with emphasis on the last 40 years, has prevented by vaccination and immunisation lethal and disabling infections such as Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and recently Measles and German Measles and by treatment with specific Anti-biotics and Sulpha drugs, diseases caused by bacteria such as Acute Meningitis, the Pneumonias, Puerperal Sepsis, Scarlet Fever, Erysipelas, Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers, and Food Poisoning etc.

Influenza, which is still epidemic in the winter months is by and large the most dangerous infection and it is still equivocal whether vaccination is preventive, unless a vaccine specific to the strain which is likely to become epidemic is prepared in time before the epidemic occurs. Fortunately there was no epidemic last winter.

All virus infections per se do not respond to treatment by the Anti-biotics or Sulpha drugs, but fortunately serious complications caused by bacteria usually respond successfully to treatment.

Vaccination against the virus of Measles has recently been introduced, and it is expected that the biennial outbreaks which occur will be eventually controlled. Vaccination is available at the Child Welfare Clinics and from the Family Doctor.

Vaccination against German Measles has been more recently introduced for girls aged 11 - 14 years who might in later years suffer from the infection during pregnancy and give birth to a baby with congenital defects.

Vaccination against Smallpox was discontinued at Child Welfare Centres on 30th July, 1971 as the Department of Health and Social Security consider mass vaccination of the child population to be unnecessary.

In conclusion, I would state that the Public Health of the Borough was satisfactory throughout the year and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for your support of and interest in the Department and also the staff for their co-operation and efficient service.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

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STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

FOR 1972

Area:- 11,932

<u>Registrar-General's Estimate of the Resident Population</u> ...	4,570
<u>Number of Inhabited Houses According to the Rate Books</u>	1,771
<u>Rateable Value as at 1st April, 1972</u>	£366,331
<u>Sum Represented by a Penny Rate</u>	£3,500

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The ancient town of Lydd is situated in the extreme south-east corner of Kent, part of its western boundary coinciding with the boundary between Kent and Sussex. The Borough of Lydd, comprises the old town of Lydd, together with the coastal areas of Dungeness, Lydd-on-Sea, and Greatstone (part). Its 12,000 acres include the well-known foreland of Dungeness. The area is very flat, and visibility potentially good. Within the Borough boundaries are to be found the best and the poorest soil formations - rich alluvium providing fattening pastures for at least ten sheep per acre, and vast areas of shingle which, although a very poor 'soil' does nevertheless support some forms of hardy plant life.

The Borough is predominantly agricultural in character, being chiefly concerned in sheep and cattle raising and arable farming. There are a number of extensive beach quarrying and crushing plants within the district. The War Department own approximately one-sixth of the Borough, from the west end of the High Street down to the sea. Within it are Lee, Metford and Clarke Camps and extensive anti-tank, mortar, rifle and machine gun ranges. Lydd (Ferryfield) Airport is situated one and half miles from the centre of the town and the Airport is now mainly concerned with providing private flying facilities and its eventual use is still in doubt.

The Borough has $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles of coastline, and of the coastal districts Dungeness is largely devoted to the fishing industry, and Greatstone, where there is a large Holiday Camp, and Lydd-on-Sea, cater chiefly for the holiday-makers. Development for residential and holiday purposes continues with no sign of abatement in the last-mentioned two areas. A total of 45 private dwellings were completed during the year.

The Vine Lands Housing Estate and Mittell Court old persons flats were completed during the year and H.R. Pratt-Boorman, Esq., officially opened Mittell Court on 8th November 1972.

By the end of the year the Borough Council had provided 397 permanent dwellings, as shown in the table below. Thus considerably more than one-fifth of the dwellings in the Borough have been provided by the Council.

	Houses			2-Storey Flats	Old Person's Bungalows		Old Person's Flats		Total
	4 bed	3 bed	2 bed	2 bed	2 bed	1 bed	1 bed	Bed-sits	
Pre-War Period	-	26	-	-	6	-	-	-	32
Post-War Period	10	223	52	29	-	22	8	20	364

In addition, the Borough Council own a further six dwellings not originally provided by them.

Work on construction of Dungeness 'B' Nuclear Power Station, which commenced in October 1965, continued throughout the year. The inter-change of electric power between this country and France via the 400 Kv supergrid from Canterbury, the Converter Station near Pigwell, Lydd and the Cross-Channel Cable also continued.

A total of 119 houses were connected to the main sewerage system during the year, which figure includes the estate of 58 Council dwellings. Main sewers and a modern treatment works are available to serve the whole of the built-up area of the town of Lydd with allowance made for the sewerage system to accept discharge from other areas planned for residential development and also provision made in the construction and layout of the treatment works for the eventual doubling of the capacity of the works should this ever be necessary.

Community life in the Borough continued to be very much in evidence, and there are Local Organizations covering a wide range of interests. In the field of sport there are Angling, Badminton, Cricket, Lawn Tennis, Table Tennis, and the Dungeness Sports and Social Clubs. For children and the youth of the Borough there are the Scouts and Cub-Scouts, Guides and Brownie-Guides, the Methodist Youth Club and the Lydd Youth Set. Other interests are served by the Ancient Order of Foresters, British Legion (Men's and Women's Branches), Golden Needle League, Methodist Women's Guild, Mother's Union, Odd-Fellows, Parent and Teachers Association, R.A.O.B., Royal Naval Association, St. John's Ambulance Brigade, Senior Club, Small Bore Rifle Club, Women's Institute, War Memorial Institute Club, Wildfowlers Society, etc. The Clubs and Societies again combined their efforts in organising "Lydd Club Day" on the third Saturday in June.

Official ceremonies for the twinning of Lydd with Etrechy, a town of similar size, situated approximately 30 miles south of Paris, were completed in May and exchanges between the inhabitants of the two towns have and are being arranged and it is hoped that these will continue to be extended.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

					<u>Lydd</u> <u>Borough</u>	<u>England</u> <u>and</u> <u>Wales</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>			
1. <u>Live Births</u>	51	20	31	Birth Rate	11.2	14.8
(a) Legitimate	44	19	25	per 1,000	(Adjusted	
(b) Illegitimate	7	1	6	estimated	Rate)	
				resident	12.7	
				population		
2. <u>Stillbirths</u>	-	-	-	Rate per	-	12.0
(a) Legitimate	-	-	-	1,000 total		
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-	(live &		
				still) births		
3. <u>Total Live and</u> <u>Stillbirths</u>	51	20	31			
4. <u>Deaths</u>	51	33	18	Death Rate	11.2	12.1
				per 1,000	(Adjusted	
				resident	Rate)	
				population	13.1	
5. <u>Deaths from</u> <u>Pregnancy, Child-</u> <u>birth, Abortion</u>	-	-	-	Rate per	-	Not
				1,000 live		Available
				births		
6. <u>Deaths of Infants</u> <u>Under One Year</u> <u>of Age</u>	-	-	-	Rate per	-	17.0
(a) Legitimate	-	-	-	1,000 live		
				births		
				(Legitimate)		
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-	Rate per	-	21.0
				1,000 live		
				births		
				(Illegitimate)		
7. <u>Perinatal Mortality</u> (Stillbirths and deaths of infants under one week of age)	-	-	-	Rate per	-	10.0
(a) Legitimate	-	-	-	1,000 total		
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-	births		
8. <u>Illegitimate live births percent of total live births</u>					14%	

CAUSES OF DEATH IN LYDD BOROUGH
DURING 1972

<u>All Causes</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	33	18
1. Other Infective & Parasitic Diseases	1	-
2. Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	-	1
3. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	-
4. Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	1	1
5. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	1	-
6. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	1
7. Other Malignant Neoplasms	1	2
8. Multiple Sclerosis	1	-
9. Other Diseases of Nervous System	1	-
10. Ischaemic Heart Disease	10	3
11. Cerebrovascular Disease	4	4
12. Other Diseases of Circulatory System	-	2
13. Pneumonia	3	-
14. Bronchitis & Emphysema	3	1
15. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	-
16. Peptic Ulcer	-	1
17. Intestinal Obstruction & Hernia	1	1
18. Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	-
19. Nephritis & Nephrosis	1	-
20. All Other Accidents	-	1
21. Suicide & Self-Inflicted Injuries	1	-

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality 1972.

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>New Cases</u>			<u>Deaths</u>			<u>Total Cases on Register</u>		
	<u>Respiratory</u>	<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>	<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>	<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	
	M.	F.	M.	M.	F.		M.	F.	
0 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	8	-
1 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-			
5 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-			
15 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-			
25 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-			
35 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-			
45 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-			
55 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-			
65 & upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-			
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	8	-
									1

There were no deaths from Tuberculosis of patients who had not been notified as suffering from this disease.

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The following table shows figures for 1972 based on the return sent to the Department of Health & Social Security.

Year of Birth	Primary						Re-Inforcing			
	Triple Antigen	Diph./ Tet.	Tetanus	Measles	Polio-myelitis	Rubella	Triple Antigen	Diph./ Tet.	Tetanus	Polio-myelitis
1972	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
1971	64	7	-	-	71	-	-	-	-	-
1970	16	-	-	1	20	-	-	-	-	-
1969	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
1968	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	4	-	3
1967	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	-	46
1965 - 1966	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	9	-	9
1956 - 1964	-	-	19	1	-	1	-	-	41	20
TOTAL	81	7	21	3	96	1	-	57	41	78

Smallpox vaccinations at County Clinics were discontinued as from 30-7-71.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE

CENTRE AND DATE OF SURVEY	EXAMINEE GROUP	FILMS TAKEN			ACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS			INACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS			CANCER OF LUNG		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
DUNGENESS "A" & "B" POWER STATIONS 30th & 31st AUG. 1972	Staff at both Stations and including Contractors Employees	931	61	992	1	-	1	7	-	7	-	-	-

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

YEAR ENDING 31 December 1972.

Treatment - Ashford Hospital, Ashford, Kent
Centre

Local Health Authority area of residence of Patient	Number of new cases in the year					
	Totals all Conditions	Syphilis		Gonorrhoea	Other Genital Infections	Other Conditions
		Primary & Secondary	Other			
MARSH AREA	29	-	-	1	17	11

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

The Folkestone and District Company supplies the Borough from shallow wells sunk in the shingle and sand of the Denge Marsh and the supply has been adequate. The supply is not plumbo-solvent. The quantity of water supplied to the area is adequate but complaints regarding low pressure are sometimes received.

(A) Examination of Water Supplies during the Year

	Bacteriological Examination			Chemical Examination		
	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Satis- factory</u>	<u>Not Satis- factory</u>	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Satis- factory</u>	<u>Not Satis- factory</u>
Statutory supply undertakings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Private sources piped to dwellings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other private sources	-	-	-	-	-	-

No action was necessary in respect of any form of contamination.

- (B) (i) Number of dwellings not supplied by public water mains or other piped supplies None
- (ii) Number of dwellings in the area 1,771

Extensions to water mains were effected to serve new developments only.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

During the year a further 119 properties were connected to the Lydd town main drainage system.

FOOD (INCLUDING ICE CREAM AND MILK) AND FOOD PREPARING PREMISES

- (a) the number of food premises in the area 43
- (b) the number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955
- (i) Retailers of Ice Cream 15
- (ii) Preparation and manufacture of Sausages and Preserved Foods etc. 3
- (c) the number of inspections of registered food premises ... 16
- (d) the method of disposal of condemned food - burned and then buried at refuse tip.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Number of inspections of:-

Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Butchers and meat products manufacturers	...	...						2
Catering Establishments and Clubs	...	...	...					5
Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Fish (including Fried)	...	...	...	...	...			8
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...			10
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...		-
Stalls, Itinerant Vendors and Delivery Vans						...		5
All Other Food Premises	..	...	...	...	...			24

Number of Informal (including Verbal) Notices Served (Food & Drugs Act 55 Food Hygiene Regulations, 1970) ... 13

Number of food premises improved as a result of
Notices served ... 13

Inspection of Food and Food-Preparing Premises

Investigations of food premises have shown that in too many instances no proper stock rotation system is employed with the result that far more instances of mould are reported than need be the case, There would appear to be justification for the institution of training for food handlers to ensure the required improvement in handling methods.

Number of samples of Ice Cream taken for bacteriological examination during the year and results obtained

	<u>Samples</u>	<u>Grades</u>			
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
Sold loose	Nil	-	-	-	-
Wrapped or part wrapped	Nil	-	-	-	-

MILK AND DAIRIES

Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959

No. of registered distributors ... 9
No. of registered dairies ... -

Number of Slaughterhouses in use

<u>Slaughterhouses/Abattoir in operation owned or leased by Local Authority</u>	<u>Private Slaughterhouses Licensed Operating</u>	<u>Bacon Factories</u>	<u>Knackers' Yards</u>
NIL	- -	-	-

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Unsound food surrendered

The following goods were surrendered and condemned:-

13 lbs. of frozen food - decomposed through electricity failure.

111 lbs. of canned goods - blown or defective cans.

Total weight condemned - 124 lbs.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS

HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED	IN OR ADJOINING CLEARANCE AREAS declared under Section 42 of the Hsg. Act, 1957	Unfit for human habitation	Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Nil Nil
		Included by reason of bad arrangement	Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Nil Nil
		On land acquired under Sec. 43(2) Hsg. Act, 1957	Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Nil Nil
	NOT IN OR ADJOINING CLEARANCE AREAS	As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sec. 16 or 17(1) Hsg. Act, 1957.	Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Nil Nil
		Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Nil Nil
		Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts	Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Nil Nil
		Houses included in unfitness orders made under Para. 2 of the Second Schedule to the Land Compensation Act, 1961	Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Nil Nil

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED	Number of separate dwellings included above which were previously reported as closed in pursuance of closing orders or undertakings	Reported as closed up to 31st Dec. 1964	Nil
		Reported as closed since 31st Dec. 1964	Nil
B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED in pursu- ance of closing orders or under- takings	Under Section 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957 and Section 26 Housing Act 1961	Number of houses	Nil
		Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Nil
	Under Section 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957	Number of houses	Nil
		Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Nil
	PARTS OF BUILDINGS CLOSED under Sec. 18 Housing Act, 1957	Number of dwellings	Nil
C. NUMBER OF PERSONS DISPLACED	From houses to be demolished <u>not</u> in or adjoining clearance areas		Nil
	From houses to be demolished in or adjoining clearance areas		Nil
	From houses to be closed		Nil
	From parts of buildings to be closed		Nil
D. NUMBER OF FAMILIES DISPLACED	From houses to be demolished in or adjoining clearance areas		Nil
	From houses to be closed		Nil
	From parts of buildings to be closed		Nil
E. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT	After informal action by local authority - By owner		Nil
	After formal notice under Sec. 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957	(a) By owner	Nil
		(b) By local authority	Nil
	After formal notice under Public Health Acts		Nil
	Previously included in a clearance order which has been or will be modified or revoked under Section 24 Housing Act, 1961		Nil
	Previously included in a demolition order which has been or will be revoked under Sec. 24 Housing Act, 1957		Nil
	Previously included in a closing order which has been or will be determined under Section 27 Housing Act, 1957		Nil

F. HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED (Other than unfit houses made fit) after formal notice under Public Health Act				Nil
G. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Hsg Act, 1957)	Retained for temporary accommodation	Under Section 48	Number of houses	Nil
			Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Nil
		Under Section 17(2)	Number of houses	Nil
			Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Nil
		Under Section 46	Number of houses	Nil
			Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Nil
		Licensed for temporary accommodation under Secs. 34 or 53 - No. of houses		Nil
H. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREE? MENT	Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed orders or compulsory purchase orders	Number of houses		Nil
		Number of occupants		Nil

IMPROVEMENTS AND CONVERSIONS - GRANTS

	<u>Submitted</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Standard Grants	4	4	£1,075	8	£2,068
Discretionary	14	14	£8,324	7	£2,789
Total No. of Houses & Grant Monies	18	18	£9,399	15	£4,857
1971	Number of Dwellings	17	Total Grants	£5,003	Average Grant £294
1972	" " "	18	" "	£9,399	" " £522

INSPECTIONS - Summary of inspections made:-

Public Health Act, 1936 and Housing Act, 1957

Number of inspections of dwellings re. repairs	...	...	...	9
Number of dwellings made fit	...	...	...	5
Number of inspections for purposes of Sec. 16/17 Housing (Demolition & Closing Orders)	...	...	...	2
Number of inspections of clearance areas	...	...	...	-
Number of inspections for general survey and assessment	...	...	...	26

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958

Housing Subsidies and Standard Grant

Number of inspections in connection with Improvement Grants	...	28
Number of inspections in connection with Standard Grants	...	18

Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 and Rents Act, 1957

Number of inspections re. Certificates of Disrepair/Quali- fication Certificates ...	10
Number of inspections re Certificates as to Remedying of Defects ...	3

Housing (General)

Number of inspections re. housing applications ...	7
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Public Health Act

Number of inspections re:-

Tents, Vans and Sheds ...	5
Aged and Infirm Persons ...	3
Vermin ...	32
Dirty Houses ...	4
Offensive Accumulations ...	2
Offensive Odours ...	2
Nuisance from Keeping of Animals ...	4

NOTICES SERVED

Informal

Formal

Public Health Acts ...	33	Nil
Housing Acts ...	5	Nil

ANALYSIS OF DEFECTS REMEDIED UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS
(Including in connection with Grant Aid)

i. House Structure

(a) External

Chimney Stacks ...	8
Roof ...	12
Gutters and fall pipes ...	3
Brickwork, pointing and rendering ...	-
Windows (including cords) ...	4
Doors ...	-
Decorations ...	1
Outbuildings ...	-
Yard Surfacing ...	-

(b) Internal

Plasterwork (walls and ceilings) ...	8
Doors and Cupboards ...	-
Fireplaces and Stoves ...	3
Staircases ...	2
Floors (including under floor ventilation) ...	4
Miscellaneous repairs ...	11

ANALYSIS OF DEFECTS REMEDIED UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH & HOUSING ACTS
(Continued)

ii.	<u>Dampness to dwellings</u>								
	Walls								5
	Floors								1
iii.	<u>Foodstore to dwelling</u>								
	Made satisfactory								-
	Provided								-
iv.	<u>Water Supply to Dwellings</u>								
	Well supplies made adequate and safe								-
	Wells discontinued and main water provided								-
	Service piping renewed								2
	Sinks renewed								14
	Drainers renewed or provided								-
v.	<u>Sanitary Conveniences to Dwellings (including compartments)</u>								
	Repaired								3
	New Provided								10
	Conversions to W.C.'s from pail closets								-
vi.	<u>Ventilation of dwellings</u>								
	Improved								-
vii.	<u>Drainage - General</u>								
	Drains renewed or repaired								4
	Drains cleared								2
viii.	<u>Natural lighting of dwellings</u>								
	Improved								-
xi.	<u>Stability of Buildings Remedied</u>								-
x.	Dustbins Renewed								21

HOUSING

(i)	No. of families on Council's waiting list at 31st December, 1971	...	...	...	...	...	152
(ii)	No. of Council houses built during the year	...	...	...	...	...	58
(iii)	No. of Private houses built during the year	...	...	...	...	...	45

SUPERVISION OF HOP-PICKERS CAMPS

Number of Camps usually occupied	....	...	...	-
Estimated number of occupants	...	...	...	-

HOLIDAY CAMPS

Names and addresses of Holiday Camps and number accommodated on each:-

Maddieson's Holiday Camp, The Parade, Greatstone

Total number of guests at any one time ... 900 approx.

Total number of resident staff ... 100

CARAVAN SITES

<u>Names and addresses of Licensed Sites</u>	<u>No. of Caravans on each Site</u>	<u>Estimated permanent population</u>
A.P.C. Caravan Site, Poplar Lane	70	210
Rising Sun Caravan Site, New Street Lydd	7	21

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

Cesspools and septic tanks are emptied on request and within 48 hours of the service being required. Properties capable of connection to the public sewers are charged £2.00 per emptying. Other domestic properties are allowed 2 free emptyings each year and thereafter 50p per emptying. Cesspools and septic tanks were emptied during the year giving a total of 393 loads removed.

DRAINAGE

Total number of inhabited houses (including flats) is	...	...	1771
Total number of houses connected to the sewers	...	...	816
Number of houses not connected to the sewers	...	...	955
Number of houses connected to cesspools	...	...	955
Number of houses with pail closets	...	...	None

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The system of back door collection using 'skeps' continue, the economic problems associated with the possible non-use of 'skeps' and also the introduction of a general paper sack/bin liner system again received consideration. There are now a total of 139 Council dwellings served by a paper sack collection scheme.

SALVAGE

No paper salvage undertaken because overheads exceed income.

DISINFESTATION

The number of houses found to be infested with vermin was as follows:-

	<u>Bugs</u>	<u>Fleas</u>	<u>Cockroaches</u>
Council houses	Nil	2	2
Other houses	Nil	3	1

DISINFESTATION (Continued)

Comments

The seasonal irritation/infection caused by hairy caterpillars of the Brown Tailed Moth in the coastal area of Greatstone, Lydd-on-Sea, and Dungeness continue to increase. Burning of nests on bushes in these areas has proved to be the best method of control, but the overall area affected has considerably increased during the year.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1959

1. Inspection for purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number of			
	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
1. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	15	8	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	10	5	-	-
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	25	13	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found:-

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2	2	-	-	-

OUTWORKERS

No Outworkers are employed in the Borough.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

<u>PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS</u>	<u>TYPE OF PROPERTY</u>	
	<u>NON-AGRICULTURAL</u>	<u>AGRICULTURAL</u>
1. Number of properties in district	2,287	43
2. (a) Total number of properties (incl. nearby premises) inspected following notification	19	15
(b) Number infested by:-		
(i) Rats	10	5
(ii) Mice	3	2
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	12	-
(b) Number infested by:-		
(i) Rats	3	-
(ii) Mice	Nil	-